

Day. Let us take this opportunity not only to recognize the rich legacy of the Irish in America, but also to honor a man who has worked so hard within his community to preserve this heritage, and to promote the well being of all citizens, as well. I can think of no finer illustration of the contributions that Americans of Irish descent continue to make to our Nation than the good deeds that Jim O'Rourke performs each and every day as an outstanding public servant.●

#### TRIBUTE TO BLACK MOUNTAIN SKI AREA

● Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Black Mountain Ski Area in Jackson, NH, upon the celebration of their 65th year of business.

A pioneer in the ski industry, Black Mountain Ski Area installed the first overhead cable lift in the United States in 1935. Designed and installed by Bartlett, NH, inventor George Morton, the lift consisted of an overhead cable with strands of rope hanging down for skiers to hold onto as they ventured up the mountain.

In 1936, Bill and Betty Whitney purchased the Moody Farm and Ski Area at Black Mountain from Ed and Ada Moody, renaming the business as Whitney's. The Whitney family retrofitted the overhead cable lift in 1937, replacing the strands of rope that hung from the cable with seventy-two shovel handles purchased from Sears Roebuck and Company.

Black Mountain utilized the first snow making system in New Hampshire in December, 1957. A Skyworker Snowmaking System was installed by the William A. Walsh Company of Manchester, NH.

Black Mountain Ski Area has been in continuous operation as a ski facility since 1935, making it one of the oldest ski areas in New Hampshire. The Black Mountain Ski Area is a true friend to the people of New Hampshire and to the tourists who travel to our great state to utilize the facility. Their efforts to serve the needs of the ski industry in New Hampshire are truly commendable. It is an honor to represent them in the United States Senate.●

#### RETIREMENT OF THE HONORABLE BRETT DORIAN

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I would like to recognize Judge Brett Dorian as he retires after almost 12 years as a United States Bankruptcy Judge in Fresno, CA.

Brett Dorian's legal career reflects a long and honorable commitment to public service. His dedication spans more than three decades, beginning with his service in the United States Air Force. Upon graduation from Boalt

Hall, University of California, Berkeley Mr. Dorian helped and assisted the underprivileged in Central California as a legal aid lawyer. He then went on to a distinguished career in private practice where he specialized in bankruptcy law and served as a bankruptcy trustee for many years.

In 1988, Judge Dorian was appointed to the United States Bankruptcy Court in Fresno. He served as a Bankruptcy Judge for almost 12 years. Judge Dorian served an eight county area in Central California. Judge Dorian has long been known as a thorough, dedicated and compassionate judge. Throughout his judicial career, he was diligent in carefully balancing the law in his cases and protecting the rights of those who appear before him.

Judge Dorian has served the people of California as well as all Americans with great distinction. I am honored to pay tribute to him today and I encourage my fellow colleagues to join me in wishing Judge Brett Dorian continued happiness as he embarks on new endeavors.●

#### GEORGE W. MILLER'S FIFTY YEARS OF SERVICE

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I would like to take a moment today to recognize a Pennsylvanian who has been a tremendous asset to our community. I was recently notified that Mr. George W. Miller of Mount Pleasant will be celebrating 50 years of active service in the Mount Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department.

It is without question that this fine Pennsylvanian has gone above and beyond the call of duty to improve the safety of his community. Mr. Miller has displayed great courage over the years, as he has put himself in danger in order to protect the lives of his neighbors, friends, and community members. Our society will remain forever in debt to Mr. Miller and those like him who spend their own time in volunteer efforts.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Mount Pleasant, PA has been blessed to have had Mr. Miller as part of its team for the last fifty years. I enthusiastically congratulate him on reaching this tremendous milestone, and I am sure that I don't stand alone in hoping that he will be a part of the fire department for many years to come.●

#### AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS: 50TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

● Mrs. MURRAY. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to pay tribute to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, ACOG, in celebration of their 50th Anniversary. I would also like to include the letter signed by several of my colleagues who have joined with me in offering congratulations to

ACOG and to pay tribute to their efforts on behalf of women's health.

With a membership of over 41,000 physicians specializing in obstetric-gynecologic care, ACOG is the nation's leading group of professionals dedicated to improving women's health care. ACOG is a private, voluntary, nonprofit organization.

Throughout its history, the purpose of ACOG has been to maintain the best standards of health care for women. Today, about 95 percent of American obstetricians and gynecologists are affiliated with ACOG. Over 35 percent of ACOG Fellows are women, and over 63 percent of Junior Fellows are women. ACOG works in four primary areas:

Serving as a strong advocate for quality health care for women.

Increasing awareness among its members and the public of the changing issues facing women's health care.

Maintaining the highest standards of clinical practice and continuing education for its members.

Promoting patient education and stimulating patient understanding of, and involvement in, medical care.

ACOG's reliable and informative communication with us on Capitol Hill has been a valuable asset in guiding our policy debates. Congratulations to ACOG, and thank you for providing a welcome voice to Capitol Hill on women's health policy.

I ask that a letter dated February 21, 2001, be printed in the RECORD.

The letter follows:

U.S. SENATE,

Washington, DC, February 21, 2001.

HON. TRENT LOTT,  
Senate Majority Leader, U.S. Senate,  
Washington, DC.

HON. DENNIS HASTERT,  
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR SENATOR LOTT/MR. SPEAKER: We would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). We would also like to congratulate ACOG on their 50th Anniversary. With a membership of over 41,000 physicians specializing in obstetric-gynecologic care, ACOG is the nation's leading group of professionals dedicated to improving women's health care. ACOG is a private, voluntary, nonprofit organization.

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